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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS FOR DIFFERENTIATING AND  
MONITORING PARATHYROID AND BONE  
STATUS RELATED DISEASES

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Examiner: C. Cheu

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed on May 7, 2009, for which a response was due on August 7, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three (3) months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 7, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Also submitted herewith are the following exhibits:

Exhibit A. Fiskin et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 252(22):8261-8268 (1977) (Fiskin); and

Exhibit B. Stryer, *Biochemistry* (Third Ed.), W.H. Freeman and Company/New York, pages 26-27 (1988) (Stryer).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.